

COTTON GOES TO SIXTEEN CENTS.
Demand for Spot Cotton Helps the Speculators Force Up Futures.

New York, Jan. 27.—Great activity developed in the cotton market today after it had opened comparatively quiet and somewhat easier under lower cables. First prices were very irregular at an advance of 6 points to a decline of 6 points. For the first few minutes liquidation in the absence of bull support caused declines of about 8 to 10 points on the three active months, but this was followed by a steadier tone, which became decided strength as the session progressed, so that by midday all of the active months had advanced to new high levels with March selling at 15.34, May at 15.58 and July at 15.65. This was a gain of 34 to 38 points from the lowest of the morning and a net advance of 23 to 28 points on the positions named.
 In the afternoon the market became rather less active and it looked as if the most pressing demand had been filled. There was little disposition to sell, however, and after easing off a few points prices were again rallied by a renewal of bull support. In the late trading March sold at 15.42, May at 15.65 and July at 15.77. The close was firm with prices at about the best net 19 to 38 points higher. Sales were estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

New York, Jan. 27.—July cotton sold at 16 cents a pound on the New York exchange today. A few years ago the price ranged between 6 and 8 cents.
 The market opened strong at an advance of 7a23 points on heavy buying of a more or less general character, that was induced by the sensational advances in the Liverpool market, where prices at one time were 23a25 points higher. As the market worked upward liquidation became increasingly heavy but with New Orleans buying here, home shorts covering and outsiders buying the advance was not checked until March sold at 15.64, May at 15.90, and July at 16.04, a net advance of 23a26 points. Following this the market eased off a few points, ruling very nervous.
 It was not until well in afternoon that the excitement reached its height. Around 16.15 for May stop orders were reached and the whole list made a wild jump with July going from 16.25 to 16.40 without an intermediate sale. This carried the active months to an advance of 68a83 points for the day, and at this level prices showed a gain of about 240 points or 2.25 cents per pound from last week. The advance had been accomplished without any reaction of moment. At the new high level there was heavy realizing and prices broke 20 or 30 points but the list was soon steadied by bull support.
 The close was steady net 51 to 56 points higher on the old and 3 to 14 points higher on the new crop months. The sales were estimated at 1,500,000 bales.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—The bull leaders swept the ring off its feet this morning in the cotton market. The market opened excited on sensational favorable cables from Liverpool. A fair amount of general buying orders was seen "but late in the morning the bull leaders offered to take all the May cotton the ring had at 16.33. The purchases amounted to about 5,000 bales. The ring was practically bare of offerings after this and prices quickly rose until March was 38 points higher than yesterday's close at 16.02 and May 45 points higher at 16.53.

New York, Jan. 28.—The opening in the cotton market was higher than last night's close with May and July above the best point of yesterday. Trading was active and excited. The initial advance was on better cables than had been looked for and reports that cotton was selling all through the interior last night at 15 1/2 cents for middling. It became evident, however, soon after the opening that enormous profit taking was going on and prices were depressed several points from the best, after which they were rallied by the firmness in New Orleans and aggressive bull support.
 The rally did not hold and shortly after noon there was a rapid decline of from 55 to 65 points.
 The break was reported to be due to selling by two large commission houses with out-town connections, which held long cotton for southern and western interests. It was said the sales were made because of failure of correspondents to forward necessary margins. The decline attracted a fresh demand from scattered sources and with the weaker long interests shaken out the market rallied several points on bull support.
 The close was sensational. Just at the last moment a local speculator went into the ring for all the July cotton in sight, running "that month up 16a18 or within seven points of last night's close while the other old crop positions were net 13 to 15 points lower and the new crop months from 10 to 38 points below last night's final figures.
 The day's sales were estimated at 1,200,000 bales.

AT NEW ORLEANS.
 New Orleans, Jan. 29.—The long expected reaction in the cotton market occurred today and country longs went wild in their efforts to liquidate. Their offerings swamped the market for a while and prices went down from 45 to 86 points. The prominent bulls were heavy buyers at the decline and even at the lowest buying offers of a few hundred bales would send the market up 10 points.
 The alarm was sounded yesterday when brokers commenced to ask \$10 a bale margin.
 It is generally conceded that the false reports concerning the situation in the far east, spread about last night were responsible for the liquidation by the weak long interest. All futures remained bullish.

The movement was light and the weekly "in-sight" figures were smaller than were expected by the most enthusiastic bulls.
 At one time the May options were 30 points under the highest level of the morning, but a quick recovery brought them up until they were only 41 points below the highest level, and only 21 points lower than the close of

yesterday. The leading bulls said the drastic liquidation had left the market in healthier condition than ever, and more open to further advance than for several days past.

JAIL DELIVERY.
Cut Through Bars of Steel and Walls of Brick.

A most remarkable and astonishing jail delivery occurred in Darlington last Monday night. Three prisoners cut through the steel bars of their cage and through the brick wall of the jail and left for parts unknown.
 The escaped prisoners are John Evans and Louis Chamberlain, charged with burglary and larceny, and Ed. Allston charged with arson. The former were bound over by Magistrate Boykin for breaking into the house of H. Freeman and stealing money and also for breaking into the store of T. F. Wilson, of Lamar. Ed. Allston was in jail awaiting trial for burning the barn of D. W. Harrington, Jr.
 The Sheriff has offered a reward of twenty-five dollars each for the arrest of the prisoners.
 Vigorous steps were taken to apprehend the fugitives but with no success. No blame can attach to Sheriff Scarborough as he personally attended to the locking up of the prisoners on the night before their escape.—New Era.

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 "It seems to be the general opinion that when the liberty of an animal used to a free life in the wild woods is taken away the animal will pine away and die. That's a pretty bit of sentiment, but apparently it's all wrong. You would naturally think that a wild animal in captivity would become dangerous, but such is not the case.
 "Take the monkeys, for instance. They look very unhappy, don't they? Why, those little imps play from morning till night, and they're as cheerful as larks, excepting when they are ill. Go in the bird house and listen to the songs, the chirps and trills, then look around for an unhappy bird. Watch the bears play and the leopards and other members of the cat tribe roll over each other like little children on a nursery floor."—Philadelphia Press.

The Strain on the Eye.
 There is no reason why a muscle or muscles of the eye should not be fagged out just as the muscles elsewhere do. Let one bear a weight all day long, does he not attribute his consequent headache to the heavy burden he has borne? It seems without elaborate thinking we could conceive of the results following upon prolonged use of the eye. Nature has done all she could to protect and prolong the usefulness of the eye. No earthly architect ever yet planned a structure that would not yield, crumble and fall, and the human, so exquisitely uplifted in curious and mysterious ways, falls and returns to dust more rapidly and surely than need be, for the reason that we do not realize how much one part is sustained or overthrown by another. One tiny muscle is potent enough to disturb the whole economy, especially if intercurrent diseases exist in addition to "eye strain."

Old Clothes Ornaments.
 The rich are not unthrifty. That probably explains why they are rich. You have been told of the wealthy wives in our New York Faubourg St. Germain who after wearing a gown twice or three times at most sell it to a certain Sixth avenue dealer in second-hand clothes for about one-sixth of its original cost. Women in moderate circumstances who know this dealer keep themselves in finest regalia at a reasonable outlay. Rich men are more particular and less thrifty than rich women. They despise the "ole clo's" man and prefer to hand down their cast offs to servants to do with as seemeth good to them. But many a parlor ornament in swell houses is bought with old clothes; many a new pot or kettle in my lady's kitchen is the result of barter with the peddler.—New York Press.

Animals and Second Sight.
 It is a common belief that many animals see ghosts and future events. Kerner declares that they are endowed with second sight. This faculty is thought to be especially strong in dogs and horses. Stocks are known to have foreseen the burning of houses on which they have been wont to build their nests and to have abandoned them, taking up their abode on other buildings or on trees in the vicinity. No sooner had the anticipated conflagration taken place and a new house been erected on the same site than they returned and built their nests as before.
Oldest Clock In the World.
 The great clock of Wells cathedral, in Somersetshire, England, is very nearly the oldest and certainly the most interesting of clocks in existence. It was built in 1322 by Peter Lightfoot, one of the monks of Glastonbury abbey, six miles from Wells, where it ran for 250 years until the abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII. and its last abbot hanged over the town gateway. The clock was then removed to Wells, where it has been running ever since.—St. Nicholas.

NESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

It Indicates That the Greater Portion of the Year's Crop Has Been Marketed.

New Orleans, Jan. 29.—Secretary Nester's weekly statement of cotton issued today shows for the 29 days of January a decrease under last year of 146,000 bales, and a decrease under the same period year before last of 231,000 bales. For the 151 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of same days of last year 52,000, and ahead of same days year before last 7,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 198,121 bales, against 261,924 for the same days last year and 259,193 year before last.
 The movement since Sept. 1 shows receipts at all United States ports of 5,960,270 against 5,785,356 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 592,425 against 731,125 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of commercial year 381,686 against 379,022 last year, and southern mill takings 1,007,000 against 995,072 last year.
 The total movement since Sept. 1 is 7,942,691 against 7,890,575 last year and 7,933,619 year before last.
 Foreign exports for the week have been 144,740 against 219,624 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,503,360 against 4,312,136 last year.
 The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada for the season thus far have been 2,437,541 against 2,357,803 last year.
 Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading southern interior centres have decreased during the week 71,542 bales against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 79,667.
 Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 8,110,690 against 8,105,649 for the same period last year.

BROADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Effects of the Weather--General Trade Outlook.

New York, Jan. 29.—Broadstreet's tomorrow will say: Weather conditions have been unfavorable throughout a wide area, and while in some instances helpful to retail trade, extreme cold or heavy snows have rather sharply checked spring trade and retarded transportation. There is a rather quieter feeling found in several lines of speculation and industry.
 An exception to this is found in the south, which section, stimulated by almost unheard of cotton prices, is preparing for another great acreage.
 Rather less satisfactory reports come from the iron and steel trade.
 Southern iron is claimed to be unchanged; but northern iron is weaker, foundry grades not being in active demand.
 The railways are still out of market for rails.
 The strain in the cotton goods branch of the textile market increases rather than diminishes with the steady upward advance of the raw material. Buyers of cotton goods have shown a disposition to trade more freely and to pay higher prices, but at all markets sellers are slow to fill orders except "at value."
 Business failures number 242, against 230 in the like week in 1903.

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On the Menu.
 "What have you in the larder?" asked the cannibal king of his chef.
 "Not so much today, your elevatedness," explained the chef. "Nothing except a printer and an actor."
 "Oh, well, fix them up some way."
 The chef bowed several times and rubbed his hands together.
 "What are you waiting for?" asked the cannibal king.
 "Would your serenely altitudinous excellency deign to suggest some method of preparing the two persons—some new dish, for instance, that would be pleasant to your royal palate?"
 "Don't go to any bother. Just put the printer in the pi and the actor in the supe."
 And the court jester stepped up and resigned.—Judge.

An Anecdote of Ben Wade.
 In the early winter of 1861 bluff Ben Wade, the Ohio senator, is credited with saying, "When Chief Justice Taney was ill I used to pray daily and earnestly that his life might be preserved until the inauguration of President Lincoln, who would appoint a Republican chief justice, but when I saw how complete his recovery was and how his life was prolonged I began to fear that I had overdone the business."—L. E. Chittenden's "Personal Reminiscences."

Big Undertakings.
 "Talk about big jobs," said the cheerful idiot while trying to look serious. "Well," said the victim wearily. "Wheeling West Virginia may be some and Lansing Michigan may be rather a big surgical undertaking, but Flushing Long Island isn't such a tiny little sanitary stunt."—Baltimore American.

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